

NSC BRIEFING

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NEAR EAST DEVELOPMENTS

I.

B. Egypt has announced canal will be fully open 11 April.

1. One British-flag vessel still waiting at Suez, because Egypt will not accept sterling.

2. Cairo press says US-flag tanker Barbara will make transit.

C. Nasr appears apprehensive new Western moves against him,

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II. Aqaba: Israelis making most of Kern Hills' trip to Eilat, possibly in effort embroil Egypt with US.

A. Israelis also see voyage as first step toward oil pipeline alternative to Suez.

III. Syria: No new developments in deadlocked situation.

IV. Lebanon: Pro-Egyptians discouraged, want quick help from Cairo.

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